

His strong hand were a sense of power,  
Now he makes this little red flower.  
In our world, we are busy with money and power,

While this man's job is this little red flower,  
He still takes pride in what he has to do;  
Petal by petal he makes this flower for you.  
Next year when it comes to Poppy Day,  
I'll be glad to see the Auxiliary come my way.

I'll cheerfully give them generously;  
For the veterans making this flower could  
have been me.

May God Bless You,  
Doris Theiss.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, as this country will shortly celebrate Memorial Day, we pay tribute to the veterans who have honored us with their service, and their sacrifice.

As a Nation, we are united in honoring our war dead, we also need to be as united in honoring our living veterans.

In the last paragraph of his second inaugural address, Abraham Lincoln uttered the words that would ultimately comfort untold numbers of veterans and their families for generations to come. Lincoln challenged the divided nation to "Bind up the Nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan."

Mr. Speaker, the promise of lifelong health care that this country made to our men and women in uniform is being threatened, not by the aggression of a foreign power, but by inadequate funding. As our veterans grow older, they require increased dependence on health care services.

Before elected for public office, I served as the chief psychiatric nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dallas during the 70's. I was privileged to serve in the day care and rehabilitation center of that facility for 15 years. I know firsthand that caring for America's veterans is the ongoing cost of war.

The Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center is an excellent example of how our nation can repay some of the debt it owes our brave veterans. The DVAMC operates 216 internal medicine beds, including a 28-bed pulmonary service. Moreover, a number of small VA hospitals and outlying community hospitals refer patients to the DVAMC for the diagnosis and treatment of complicated and unusual problems.

Mr. Speaker, I am worried that the proposed cuts will adversely affect over 70,000 Texas veterans. This number includes more than 18,000 veterans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It is estimated that 5,200 active patients in the Dallas-Fort Worth area will drop out of the VA Health Care System.

Mr. Speaker, how can Congress and this administration even consider slashing benefits at a time when our young men and women are still in harm's way in Iraq, Afghanistan and Southwest Asia.

Veterans should not be expected to wait in long lines, and travel farther for health care services at a diminished level. If we fail our obligation to veterans, how can we justify sending more and more young service into harm's way?

As we salute our veterans, we must also recognize the medical care provided by VA medical centers, clinics, and nursing home facilities. I applaud the efforts of the hundreds of compassionate men and women who have dedicated themselves professionally to our

veterans. Let us say to them: We salute you and we thank you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCHROCK) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 424.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

Previous question on H. Res. 649, by the yeas and nays; if ordered, adoption of H. Res. 649; previous question on H. Res. 648, by the yeas and nays; if ordered, adoption of H. Res. 648; and motion to suspend the rules on H. Con. Res. 424, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. CON. RES. 95, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 649 on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 204, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 191]

YEAS—220

Aderholt	Blackburn	Burns
Akin	Blunt	Burr
Bachus	Boehlt	Burton (IN)
Baker	Boehner	Buyer
Ballenger	Bonilla	Calvert
Barrett (SC)	Bonner	Camp
Bartlett (MD)	Bono	Cannon
Barton (TX)	Boozman	Cantor
Bass	Bradley (NH)	Capito
Beauprez	Brady (TX)	Carter
Bereuter	Brown (SC)	Castle
Biggert	Brown-Waite,	Chabot
Bilirakis	Ginny	Chocola
Bishop (UT)	Burgess	Coble

Cole	Hyde	Portman
Collins	Isakson	Pryce (OH)
Cox	Issa	Putnam
Crane	Istook	Quinn
Crenshaw	Jenkins	Radanovich
Cubin	Johnson (CT)	Ramstad
Culberson	Johnson (IL)	Regula
Cunningham	Jones (NC)	Rehberg
Davis, Jo Ann	Keller	Renzi
Davis, Tom	Kelly	Reynolds
Deal (GA)	Kennedy (MN)	Rogers (AL)
DeLay	King (IA)	Rogers (KY)
DeMint	King (NY)	Rogers (MI)
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kingston	Rohrabacher
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kirk	Ros-Lehtinen
Doolittle	Kline	Royce
Dreier	Knollenberg	Ryan (WI)
Duncan	Kolbe	Ryan (KS)
Dunn	LaHood	Saxton
Ehlers	Latham	Schrock
Emerson	LaTourrette	Sensenbrenner
English	Lewis (CA)	Sessions
Everett	Lewis (KY)	Shadegg
Feeney	Linder	Shaw
Ferguson	LoBiondo	Shays
Flake	Lucas (OK)	Sherwood
Foley	Manzullo	Shimkus
Forbes	McCotter	Shuster
Fossella	McCrery	Simpson
Franks (AZ)	McHugh	Smith (MI)
Frelinghuysen	McInnis	Smith (NJ)
Gallely	McKeon	Smith (TX)
Garrett (NJ)	Mica	Souder
Gerlach	Miller (FL)	Stearns
Gibbons	Miller (MI)	Sullivan
Gilchrest	Miller, Gary	Sweeney
Gillmor	Moran (KS)	Tancredo
Gingrey	Murphy	Taylor (NC)
Goode	Musgrave	Terry
Goodlatte	Myrick	Thomas
Goss	Nethercutt	Thornberry
Granger	Neugebauer	Tiahrt
Graves	Ney	Tiberi
Green (WI)	Northup	Toomey
Greenwood	Nunes	Turner (OH)
Gutknecht	Nussle	Upton
Hall	Osborne	Vitter
Harris	Ose	Walden (OR)
Hart	Otter	Walsh
Hastings (WA)	Oxley	Wamp
Hayes	Paul	Weldon (FL)
Hefley	Pearce	Weller
Hensarling	Pence	Whitfield
Herger	Peterson (PA)	Wicker
Hobson	Petri	Wilson (NM)
Hoekstra	Pickering	Wilson (SC)
Hostettler	Pitts	Wolf
Houghton	Platts	Young (AK)
Hulshof	Pombo	Young (FL)
Hunter	Porter	

NAYS—204

Abercrombie	Crowley	Hinojosa
Ackerman	Cummings	Hoefel
Alexander	Davis (CA)	Holden
Allen	Davis (FL)	Holt
Andrews	Davis (IL)	Honda
Baca	Davis (TN)	Hooley (OR)
Baird	DeFazio	Hoyer
Baldwin	DeGette	Inslee
Ballance	Delahunt	Israel
Becerra	DeLauro	Jackson (IL)
Bell	Dicks	Jackson-Lee
Berkley	Dingell	(TX)
Berman	Doggett	Jefferson
Berry	Dooley (CA)	John
Bishop (GA)	Doyle	Johnson, E. B.
Bishop (NY)	Edwards	Jones (OH)
Blumenauer	Emanuel	Kanjorski
Boswell	Engel	Kaptur
Boucher	Eshoo	Kennedy (RI)
Boyd	Etheridge	Kildee
Brady (PA)	Evans	Kilpatrick
Brown (OH)	Farr	Kind
Brown, Corrine	Fattah	Klecza
Capps	Filner	Kucinich
Capuano	Ford	Lampson
Cardin	Frank (MA)	Langevin
Cardoza	Frost	Lantos
Carson (IN)	Gephardt	Larsen (WA)
Carson (OK)	Gonzalez	Larson (CT)
Case	Gordon	Lee
Chandler	Green (TX)	Levin
Clay	Grijalva	Lewis (GA)
Clyburn	Gutierrez	Lipinski
Conyers	Harman	Lofgren
Cooper	Hastings (FL)	Lowey
Costello	Hill	Lucas (KY)
Cramer	Hinchey	Lynch

Majette	Ortiz	Skelton	Ferguson	Knollenberg	Reynolds	Moran (VA)	Roybal-Allard	Strickland
Maloney	Owens	Slaughter	Flake	Kolbe	Rogers (AL)	Murtha	Ruppersberger	Stupak
Markey	Pallone	Smith (WA)	Foley	LaHood	Rogers (KY)	Nadler	Rush	Tanner
Marshall	Pascarell	Snyder	Forbes	LaHart	Rogers (MI)	Napolitano	Ryan (OH)	Tauscher
Matheson	Pastor	Solis	Fossella	LaTourette	Rohrabacher	Neal (MA)	Sabo	Taylor (MS)
Matsui	Payne	Spratt	Franks (AZ)	Lewis (CA)	Ros-Lehtinen	Oberstar	Sánchez, Linda	Thompson (CA)
McCarthy (MO)	Pelosi	Stark	Frelinghuysen	Lewis (KY)	Royce	Obey	T.	Thompson (MS)
McCarthy (NY)	Peterson (MN)	Stenholm	Gallegly	Linder	Ryan (WI)	Olver	Sanchez, Loretta	Tierney
McCollum	Pomeroy	Strickland	Garrett (NJ)	LoBiondo	Ryun (KS)	Ortiz	Sanders	Towns
McDermott	Price (NC)	Stupak	Gerlach	Lucas (OK)	Saxton	Owens	Sandlin	Turner (TX)
McGovern	Rahall	Tanner	Gibbons	Manzullo	Schrock	Pallone	Schakowsky	Udall (CO)
McIntyre	Rangel	Tauscher	Gilchrest	McCotter	Sensenbrenner	Pascarell	Schiff	Udall (NM)
McNulty	Reyes	Taylor (MS)	Gillmor	McCrery	Sessions	Pastor	Scott (GA)	Van Hollen
Meehan	Rodriguez	Thompson (CA)	Gingrey	McHugh	Shadeegg	Payne	Scott (VA)	Velázquez
Meek (FL)	Ross	Thompson (MS)	Goode	McInnis	Shaw	Pelosi	Serrano	Visclosky
Meeks (NY)	Rothman	Tierney	Goodlatte	McKeon	Shays	Peterson (MN)	Sherman	Waters
Menendez	Roybal-Allard	Towns	Goss	Mica	Sherwood	Pomeroy	Skelton	Watson
Michaud	Ruppersberger	Turner (TX)	Granger	Miller (FL)	Shimkus	Price (NC)	Slaughter	Watt
Millender-	Rush	Udall (CO)	Graves	Miller (MI)	Shuster	Rahall	Smith (WA)	Waxman
McDonald	Ryan (OH)	Udall (NM)	Green (WI)	Miller, Gary	Simmons	Rangel	Snyder	Weiner
Miller (NC)	Sabo	Van Hollen	Greenwood	Moran (KS)	Simpson	Reyes	Solis	Wexler
Miller, George	Sánchez, Linda	Velázquez	Gutknecht	Murphy	Smith (MI)	Rodriguez	Spratt	Woolsey
Mollohan	T.	Visclosky	Hall	Musgrave	Smith (NJ)	Ross	Stark	Wu
Moore	Sanchez, Loretta	Waters	Harris	Myrick	Smith (TX)	Rothman	Stenholm	Wynn
Moran (VA)	Sanders	Watson	Hart	Nethercutt	Souder			
Murtha	Sandlin	Watt	Hastings (WA)	Neugebauer	Stearns			
Nadler	Schakowsky	Waxman	Hayes	Ney	Sullivan			
Napolitano	Schiff	Weiner	Hefley	Northup	Sweeney			
Neal (MA)	Scott (GA)	Wexler	Hensarling	Nunes	Tancred			
Oberstar	Scott (VA)	Woolsey	Herger	Nussle	Taylor (NC)			
Obey	Serrano	Wu	Hobson	Osborne	Terry			
Olver	Sherman	Wynn	Hoekstra	Ose	Thomas			
			Hostettler	Otter	Thornberry			
			Houghton	Oxley	Tiahrt			
			Hulshof	Paul	Tiberi			
			Hunter	Pearce	Toomey			
			Hyde	Pence	Turner (OH)			
			Isakson	Petri	Upton			
			Issa	Pickering	Vitter			
			Istook	Pitts	Walden (OR)			
			Jenkins	Platts	Walsh			
			Johnson (CT)	Pombo	Wamp			
			Johnson (IL)	Porter	Weldon (FL)			
			Jones (NC)	Portman	Weller			
			Keller	Pryce (OH)	Whitfield			
			Kelly	Putnam	Wicker			
			Kennedy (MN)	Quinn	Wilson (NM)			
			King (IA)	Radanovich	Wilson (SC)			
			King (NY)	Ramstad	Wolf			
			Kingston	Regula	Young (AK)			
			Kirk	Rehberg	Young (FL)			
			Kline	Renzi				

## NOT VOTING—9

Davis (AL)	Johnson, Sam	Simmons
Deutsch	Leach	Tauzin
Hayworth	Norwood	Weldon (PA)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1356

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. HOFFEL changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 220, noes 204, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 192]

## AYES—220

Aderholt	Bradley (NH)	Cox
Akin	Brady (TX)	Crane
Bachus	Brown (SC)	Crenshaw
Baker	Brown-Waite,	Cubin
Ballenger	Ginny	Culberson
Barrett (SC)	Burgess	Cunningham
Bartlett (MD)	Burns	Davis, Jo Ann
Barton (TX)	Burr	Davis, Tom
Bass	Burton (IN)	Deal (GA)
Beauprez	Buyer	DeLay
Bereuter	Calvert	DeMint
Biggart	Camp	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bilirakis	Cannon	Diaz-Balart, M.
Bishop (UT)	Cantor	Doolittle
Blackburn	Capito	Dreier
Blunt	Carter	Duncan
Boehlert	Castle	Dunn
Boehner	Chabot	Ehlers
Bonilla	Chocola	Emerson
Bonner	Coble	English
Bono	Cole	Everett
Boozman	Collins	Feeney

## NOES—204

Delahunt	Kanjorski
DeLauro	Kaptur
Dicks	Kennedy (RI)
Dingell	Kildee
Doggett	Kilpatrick
Dooley (CA)	Kind
Doyle	Klecza
Edwards	Kucinich
Emanuel	Lampson
Engel	Langevin
Eshoo	Lantos
Etheridge	Larsen (WA)
Evans	Larson (CT)
Farr	Lee
Fattah	Levin
Filner	Lewis (GA)
Ford	Lipinski
Frank (MA)	Lofgren
Frost	Lowey
Gephardt	Lucas (KY)
Gonzalez	Lynch
Gordon	Majette
Green (TX)	Maloney
Grijalva	Markey
Gutierrez	Marshall
Harman	Matheson
Hastings (FL)	Matsui
Hill	McCarthy (MO)
Hinchey	McCarthy (NY)
Hinojosa	McCollum
Hoeffel	McDermott
Holden	McGovern
Holt	McIntyre
Honda	McNulty
Hooley (OR)	Meehan
Hoyer	Meek (FL)
Inslee	Meeks (NY)
Israel	Menendez
Jackson (IL)	Michaud
Jackson-Lee	Millender-
(TX)	McDonald
Jefferson	Miller (NC)
John	Miller, George
Johnson, E. B.	Mollohan
Jones (OH)	Moore

## NOT VOTING—9

Davis (AL)	Johnson, Sam	Peterson (PA)
Deutsch	Leach	Tauzin
Hayworth	Norwood	Weldon (PA)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida) (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1406

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4200, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question on ordering the previous question on House Resolution 648, on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 204, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 193]

## YEAS—220

Aderholt	Brown (SC)	Culberson
Akin	Brown-Waite,	Cunningham
Bachus	Ginny	Davis, Jo Ann
Baker	Burgess	Davis, Tom
Ballenger	Burns	Deal (GA)
Barrett (SC)	Burr	DeLay
Bartlett (MD)	Burton (IN)	DeMint
Barton (TX)	Buyer	Diaz-Balart, L.
Bass	Calvert	Diaz-Balart, M.
Beauprez	Camp	Doolittle
Bereuter	Cannon	Dreier
Biggart	Cantor	Duncan
Bilirakis	Capito	Dunn
Bishop (UT)	Carter	Ehlers
Blackburn	Castle	English
Blunt	Chabot	Everett
Boehlert	Chocola	Feeney
Boehner	Coble	Ferguson
Bonilla	Cole	Flake
Bonner	Collins	Foley
Bono	Cox	Forbes
Boozman	Crane	Fossella
Bradley (NH)	Crenshaw	Franks (AZ)
Brady (TX)	Cubin	Frelinghuysen